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REMARKS

The present Amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 12, 18, 19 and 25 have been amended.

Claims 5, 9, 10, 16 and 23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 5-7, 10, 11, 16-18 and 23-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent base claims 1, 8, 12 and 19 have been amended to include the allowed subject matter of objected claims 5, 10, 16, 23 (now canceled), respectively, and all the limitations of any intervening claims which the canceled objected claims are dependent from. Applicant respectfully asserts that by this amendment claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-15, 17-22 and 24-25 are in condition of allowance.

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## **CLAIM REJECTIONS**

## 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Hornak et al. (US 5,365,187) as evidenced by IEEE Standard Dictionary of electrical and Electronics Terms page 169.

Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claims 1 and 19 include the allowed subject matter of claims 5 and 23 (now canceled), respectively, and all the limitations of any intervening claims which the objected canceled claims 5 and 23 are dependent from. Applicant respectfully asserts that by this amendment, claims 1-4 and 19-22 are now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Sander (US 6,690,233).

Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claim 8 includes the allowed subject matter of claim 10 (now canceled) and all the limitations of any intervening claims which the objected canceled claim 10 is dependent from. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully asserts that by this amendment, claim 8 is now in condition for allowance.

## 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Hornak et al. (US 5,365,187) as evidenced by IEEE Standard Dictionary of electrical and Electronics Terms page 169.

Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claim 12 includes the allowed subject matter of claim 16 (now canceled) and all the limitations of any intervening claims which the canceled claim 16 is dependent from. Applicant respectfully asserts that by this amendment, claims 12-15 are now in condition of allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims of the present application are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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